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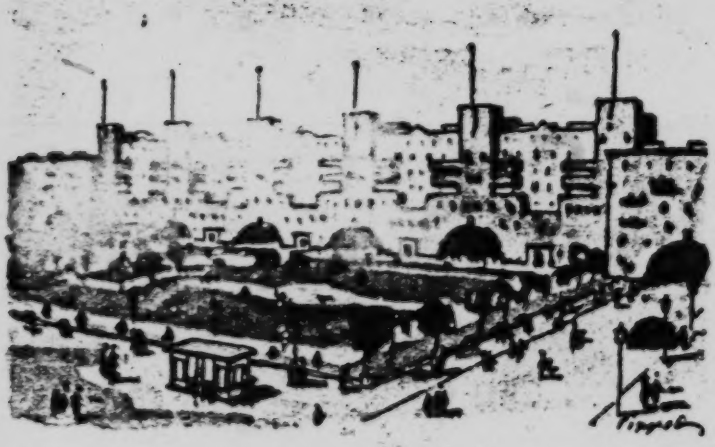

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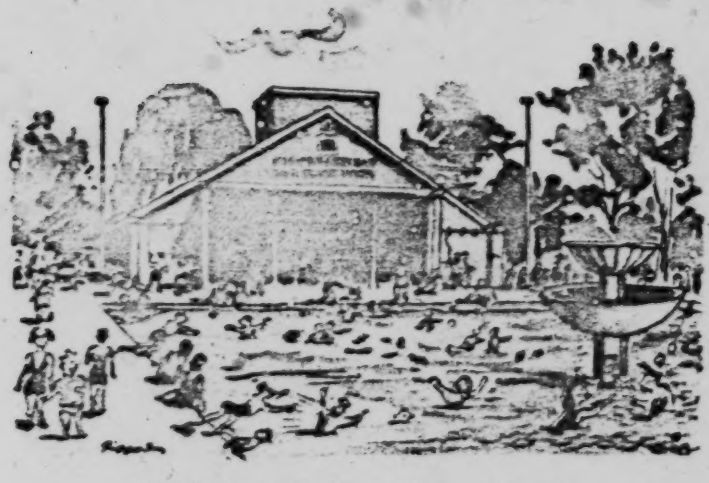
to that for adults. The Vienna Municipality has therefore set up a welfare system 746
which makes use of welfare officials who are carefully trained for their task as well as of honorary workers who are the representations of the population and exercise the function of controlling as well as that of assisting the activities of the officials. Within the framework of this welfare organisation, and in accordance with the 744
individual needs of certain branches of the work, there are special personnel trained in youth welfare work and others schooled in the care of tuberculosis patients. The principle of prophylaxis has been made the guiding principle of the whole public welfare service. Accordingly, welfare care begins before birth and extends to all babies and children, healthy or ailing. Every mother who applies for it receives a complete layette for her new-born child. Expectant mothers are encouraged by money grants to submit to the Wassermann test in order to combat hereditary syphilis. Medical examination of school-children at regular intervals was instituted, and women welfare workers appointed for the schools. Provision of school meals ensures that the attention of the children should not be adversely affected by hunger. School dental clinics, optical inspection at regular intervals and holiday schemes complete the programme of preventive welfare for young people of school age. A gust of



Children's Open Air Bathing Pool of the Vienna Municipality.

744 modernity swept through the established youth welfare centres of the Municipality. The uniformed Mr. Squeers with his rod had to make way for the teacher. The new crèches of the Municipality of Vienna may be regarded as a crowning achievement of youth welfare progress. The Municipality also struck a completely modern note by instituting and fitting out kindergartens based on the principles of the famous child psychologist, Maria Montessori.

744 The measures taken to carry on the war against tuberculosis were equally revolu-
734 tionary. Tuberculosis welfare centres now take over the victims of this disease and either send them off for the necessary curative treatment or at least keep a regular check on their state of health. In the Krankenhaus der Stadt Wien at Lainz, a new pavilion for tubercular patients was constructed and the former sanatorium of the "Steinhof" lunatic asylum became the tuberculosis sanatorium of Baumgartner Höhe. The other municipal hospitals were brought up to date, five grammes of radium were bought, a cancer ward was established in Lainz Hospital, special wards for diet treatment and for the cure of rheumatic patients were instituted and the municipal Old Age Homes were modernised and extended.